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Applicant: Polyak et al. Art Unit: 1634
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Restriction Requirement

In response to the restriction requirement made in the action mailed March 26, 2009, Group 3 (claim 8) is elected for examination. Applicants provisionally elect the species of a gene encoding \$100A7. The election with respect only to the species is made with traverse. Claim 8 reads on the group elected and the species provisionally elected. Applicants have amended claim 8 (see Preliminary Amendment below) to specify a gene (cathepsin K) that is not among those presently listed in claim 8 and have added dependent claims 78-80. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner examine claim 8 as amended and new dependent claims 78-80 rather than the elected group and the provisionally elected species.